

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-24 (canceled)

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method of controlling a data communication apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data communication apparatus and a host computer connected to the data communication apparatus by an interface, said method comprising:

a communication step [[for]] of communicating commands from the host computer to the data communication apparatus through [[an]] the interface, wherein the data communication apparatus is comprised of units including at least a scanner unit[[,]] and a printer unit and a storage unit;

a checking step [[for]] of checking, upon receipt of the commands, a status of each of the statuses corresponding to each of the scanner unit[[],] and printer unit and storage unit of the data communication apparatus, wherein the status indicates whether each of the scanner unit and the printer unit is in a normal or abnormal state and indicates a cause of an abnormality in a case where the status of the scanner unit or the printer unit is in an abnormal state; and

a notification step [[for]] of notifying the host computer of a checked status [[the statuses]] of each of those units the scanner unit and the printer unit discretely.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein said notification step includes notifying the host computer of operating conditions comprising a change in status or internal state of the data communication apparatus.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The method according to Claim 25, wherein said notification step includes notifying the host computer of the operating conditions in accordance with a command from the host computer.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The method as recited in Claim 25, wherein the data communication apparatus is included in a facsimile apparatus.

Claim 29 (currently amended): A method of controlling a data communication processing apparatus in a data processing system that includes the data communication processing apparatus and a host computer, the data communication processing apparatus and the host computer being connected to each other through an interface, and the data communication processing apparatus being able to communicate with another device through a network without using the interface, said method comprising:

a command step [[for]] of communicating commands from the host computer to the data communication apparatus through an interface, wherein the data communication apparatus is comprised of units including a scanner unit, a printer unit and a communication unit for communicating with the other device through the network;

a checking step [[for]] of checking, upon receipt of the commands, a status each of the statuses corresponding to of each of [[those]] the units of the data communication apparatus, wherein the status indicates whether at least each of the scanner unit and the printer unit is in a normal or abnormal state and indicates a cause of an abnormality in a case where the status of the scanner unit or the printer unit is in an abnormal state; and

a notification step [[for]] of notifying the host computer of a checked status [[the statuses]] of each of those units discretely.

Claim 30 (previously amended): The method according to Claim 29, wherein said notification step includes notifying the host computer of a model type and a model version in one set.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The method as recited in Claim 29, wherein the data processing apparatus is included in a facsimile apparatus.

Claim 32 (new): The method according to Claim 25, wherein the data communication apparatus further comprises a storage unit for storing a plurality of files, and said checking step includes checking the status of the storage unit and said notification step includes notifying the host computer of the checked status of the storage unit of the data communication apparatus.